Wells (Udayarpalayam taluk)

*1804 *Q.*—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any complaint, dated 29th February 1961 has been received regarding the construction of wells in Kattagaram village in Udayarpalayam taluk with the intention of defrauding the Government; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon ?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) Yes.

(*b*) The Chief Engineer (Highways and Rural Works) has reported that the defects noticed were pointed out to the Contractor and that they were rectified.

Buckingham Canal—Improvement to

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Questions 1805, 1820-A and 1820-B may be taken up together.

*1805 *Q.*—Sri S. M. ANNAMALAI : கனம் பொது மராமத்து அமைச்சர் தயவு செய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) பக்கிங்காம் கால்வாயை போக்குவரத்துக்கு அபிவிருத்தி செய்ய ஆலோசிக்க கமிட்டி நியமிக்கப்பட்டதா ?

(இ) அப்படியானால், அதன் சிபாரிசுகள் சர்க்காருக்குக் கிடைத்தனவா ? விவரமென்ன ?

The Hon. Sri P. KAKKAN : (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir. The Government appointed in 1958 a High Power Technical Committee to draw up a comprehensive scheme for the development of the Cooum as a clean and tidal river and also to examine the technical feasibility and the financial implications of developing the Buckingham Canal so as to augment the cheap transport facilities in Madras City. The Committee has submitted plans and estimates amounting to Rs. 120 lakhs for the purpose. The Committee has observed that if the schemes formulated by it are implemented it will permit the plying of passenger and cargo boats from one part of the city to the other thus relieving traffic congestion in the nearby arterial highways. The report is under the consideration of the Government.

Buckingham Canal and the Cooum (Development)

*1820-A *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for works be pleased to state the details of the comprehensive scheme for the development of the Cooum and Buckingham Canal, submitted by the High Power Technical Committee ?

The Hon. Sri P. KAKKAN : A copy of the Report of the High Power Technical Committee (in two volumes) containing the details of the comprehensive scheme for development of the Cooum and Buckingham Canal has been placed in the Library of the Legislative Assembly.